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Willie A. Waters House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1927

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WILLIE A WILSON BUNGALOW

MHT Inventory Number: S-459

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-459

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIE A. WATERS BUNGALOW

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8129 Upper Hill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Willie A Waters

street & number P O Box 284 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code MD 21867

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 94

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 468

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Willie A. Waters house stands at 8129 Upper Hill Road in the historic black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame bungalow faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1927, this story-and-a-half frame house is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The low pitched gable roof, extending in front and back to include engaged porches, is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles. Piercing the roofline is a single flue stove chimney.

The west (main) elevation is comprised largely of an enclosed porch with large square posts supporting the roof. The rafter ends of the roof are exposed. Centered on the medium pitched roof is a large gabled dormer with exposed rafter ends. A triple set of single-pane sash windows pierce the front wall of the dormer.

The north side of the bungalow features a single-story shed roofed extension of the back room. This small shed extension is marked by three three-pane windows. Paired three-over-one sash windows pierce the wall to the right of the bay extension. A three-over-one sash window lights the second floor.

The south side of the bungalow is detailed in a less elaborate fashion with three-over-one sash windows lighting the first and second floors.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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WILLIE WATERS BUNGALOW

8129 Upper Hill Road

Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland

Chain of title

94/468

Herbert S Wilson

Maggie Wilson

to

9/6/1927

Willie Waters

\$100 1 acre

WJS 86/261

Charles W Winder

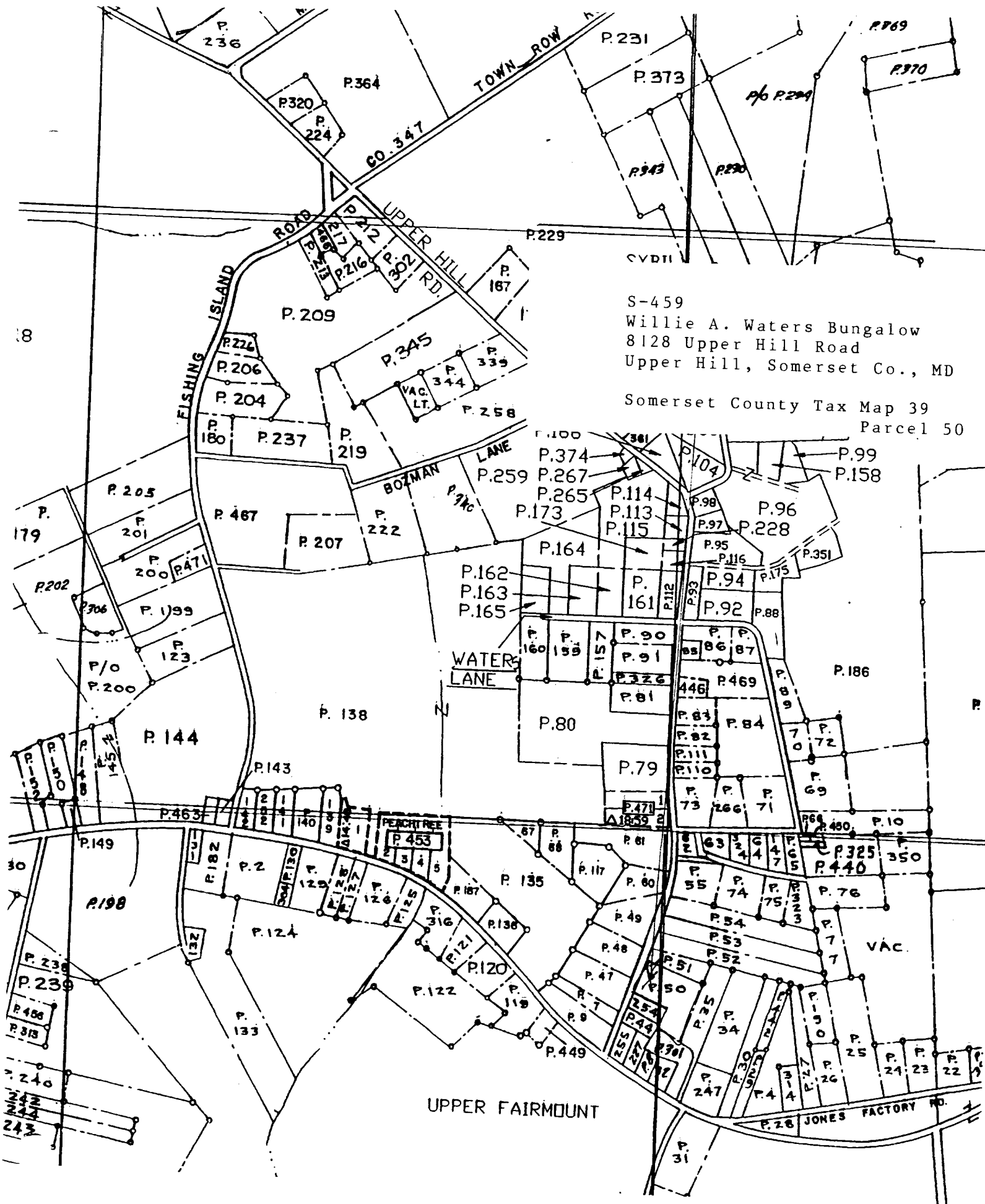
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to

8/19/1922

Herbert S Wilson

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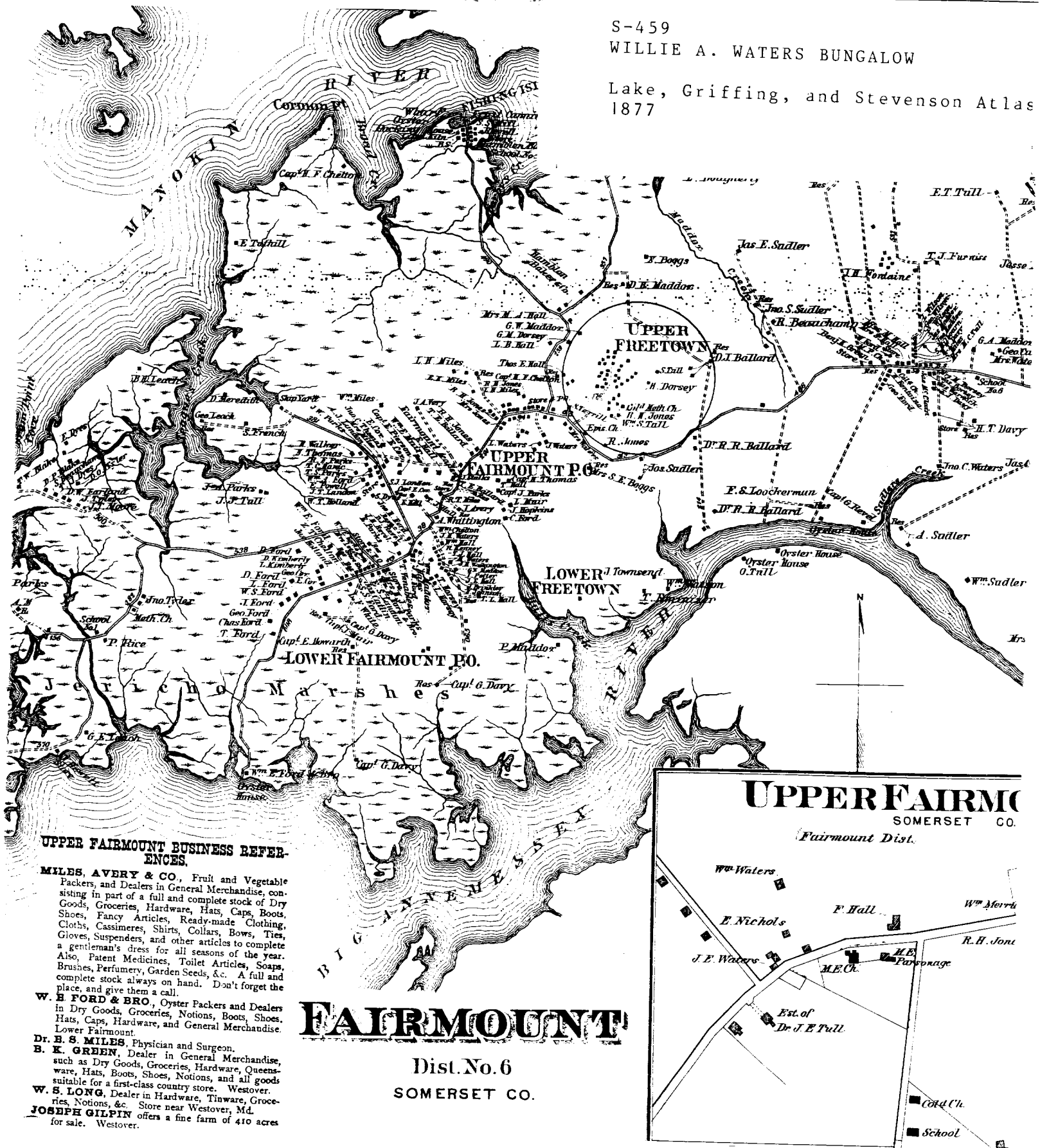


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 Willie A. Waters Bungalow
 8128 Upper Hill Road
 Upper Hill, Somerset Co., MD
 Somerset County Tax Map 39
 Parcel 50

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WILLIE A. WATERS BUNGALOW

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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MARYLAND-SOMERS
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WILLIE A. WATERS BUNGALOW
8128 Upper Hill Road
Somerset County, Maryland
Marion, Maryland Quadrangle 1972





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Wm. A. Waters House
Upper Sta., Somerset Co., MD
Northwest Elevation

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